

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application: John M. Ferraro et al.	§	Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned	§	Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
Filed: January 30, 2002	§	Case Docket No.: 96B002
For: Process for Production of Paraxylene	§	

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D. C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

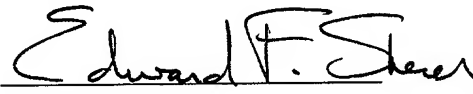
Preliminary the first Office Action, please amend the above identified Application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel Claims 1-18.

When the Examiner takes this application up for action, he is requested to take the foregoing into account.

Respectfully submitted,

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